

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Park Water Company (U 314 W) for Authority to Increase Rates in its Central Basin Division as authorized by NOI 03-04-004: In 2004 of \$1,775,880 or 9.83% above revenues generated by present rates, in 2005 of \$671,705 or 3.39% above the revenues generated by the rates proposed for 2004, in 2006 of \$674,319 or 3.29% above the 2005 revenue requirements.

Application 03-04-015
(Filed April 11, 2003)

SCOPING MEMO AND RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER

Following a telephone status conference with all parties on June 11, 2003,
IT IS RULED that:

1. Summary

This ruling sets forth the procedural schedule, addresses the scope of the proceeding and designates the principal hearing officer pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(a) and Rule 6.3 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

2. Scope of the Proceeding

At issue in this application are the following matters:

- a. Has Applicant justified the reasonableness of its proposed return on equity?
- b. Must Applicant's estimate for sales per customer conform to the Commission's Standard Practice U-25?

- c. Has Applicant justified the reasonableness of its proposed management salaries?
- d. Has Applicant justified the use of a consultant in preparation of this rate case?
- e. Are the proposed additions to plant reasonable, and are they likely to be constructed?
- f. Has Applicant justified the reasonableness of its proposed replacement of vehicles?
- g. What is the most reasonable option for dealing with four wells that show signs of contamination?

3. Schedule

A hearing is necessary. The parties have agreed on the following schedule:

July 25, 2003	Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) serves written testimony and exhibits on all parties and on the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).
August 13, 2003	Park Water Company (Park) serves its written rebuttal testimony and exhibits on all parties and on the ALJ.
August 2003	Park and ORA conduct settlement meeting. Date to be set by the parties.
August 18, 2003	Public Participation Hearings will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Bellflower City Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA.
August 19-22, 2003	An Evidentiary Hearing will be conducted in the Commission Hearing Room, 320 West 4 th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. each day.
September 25, 2003	Parties will file and serve concurrent opening briefs.

October 3, 2003

Parties will file and serve concurrent reply
briefs.

Resolution of this case is anticipated by December 2003.

4. Notice of Public Participation Hearings

Applicant shall serve notice of the August 18 Public Participation Hearing pursuant to Rule 52 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and, if time permits, through bill inserts. The form of the notice shall be submitted to and approved in advance by the Commission's Public Advisor in Los Angeles.

5. Category of Proceeding; Principal Hearing Officer

This application is ratesetting, as defined in Rule 5(c). ALJ Walker is designated as the principal hearing officer.

Dated June 18, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CARL WOOD

Carl Wood
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 18, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID
Fannie Sid

N O T I C E

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